

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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January 3, 2008

To: **Jeanne M. Franken**
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Re: USA v. Tackel, Apparrel, Furnishings, et al. - C07-6162 BZ

Dear Counsel:

At filing, this matter was randomly assigned to United States Magistrate Judge Bernard Zimmerman. A hearing has since been scheduled for March 31, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. To allow the hearing to proceed as scheduled, pursuant to U.S.C. 28 §636©, each party must consent to, or decline to proceed before, Judge Zimmerman. We have no record of your decision.

At www.cand.uscourts.gov you will find a form to complete if you consent to proceed before Judge Zimmerman and a form to complete if you decline. A party is free to withhold consent without adverse consequences. Please complete and electronically file the appropriate form within five days.

Sincerely,

Richard W. Wiking, Clerk
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